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SUBJ: VOICE OF PALESTINE DISINFORMATION ON JORDAN

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL FBIS ITEMS FROM VOICE OF PALESTINE
DURING PAST WEEK DELIBERATELY REPORTING IMAGINARY INCIDENTS
OF INTERNAL UNREST IN JORDAN AND/OR JORDANIAN COLLUSION WITH
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ISRAEL AGAINST FEDAYEEN OPERATIONS.

2. REF A FROM VOICE OF PALESTINE CAIRO ALLEGED THERE WAS AN AUG 12 BATTLE IN JORDAN VALLEY INVOLVING BOTH JORDANIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES AGAINST FEDAYEEN. REF B FROM FOP ALGIERS ALLEGED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN JORDANIAN AND ISRAELI OFFICERS TOOK PLACE AT AQABA ON AUG 16 TO MOUNT JOINT "COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" AGAINST FEDAYEEN FOLLOWING INCREASED PALESTINIAN FEDAYEEN OPERATIONS ACROSS THE JORDANIAN BORDER.

3. WE HAVE ALSO NOTICED ANOTHER REPORT IN PAST WEEK FROM VOP BAGHDAD ALLEGING THAT DISSIDENT JORDANIAN ARMY OFFICERS WERE MEETING TO PLOT ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITIES.

4. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE CAN FIND NO BASIS IN FACT TO ANY OF INCIDENTS DESCRIBED IN ABOVE REPORTS. FOLLOWING SEVERAL WEEKS OF RELATIVE SILENCE ON VOICE OF PALESTINE, CURRENT BROADCASTS ADD UP TO A CAMPAIGN OF MISREPRESENTATION AIMED AT DISCREDITING JORDANIANS ABROAD AND SOWING DISSENTION WITHIN JORDAN ITSELF. UNDOUBEDTLY, TIMING OF BROADCASTS IS DESIGNED TO COINCIDE WITH KING HUSSEIN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON OVER POSSIBILITY OF JORDANIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. WE ARE ALSO STRUCK BY FACT THAT VOP BROADCASTS EMANATE NOT FROM PARENIAL SOURCES ALGIERS AND PARTICULARLY BAGHDAD, BUT WE ALSO NOT VOP BROADCAST FROM CAIRO WHERE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE VOP HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SILENT AGAINST JORDAN IN RECENT MONTHS. WE WONDER IF THIS INDICATES ANY CHANGE IN GOE POLICY VIS-A-VIS CAIRO-BASED VOP ATTACKS ON JORDAN.
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